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**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING NO. 9-2016
Thursday, September 15, 2016**

The City of Rockville Historic District Commission convened
in the Mayor and Council Chambers on
September 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Rob Achtmeyer, Chair
Emily Correll
Anita Neal Powell
Stefanie Tincher

Present: Sheila Bashiri, Preservation Planner
Jim Wasilak, Chief of Zoning
Eliot Schaefer, Assistant City Attorney

I. AGENDA REVIEW WORKSESSION (Black Eyed Susan Conference Room)

Chair Achtmeyer announced that the Agenda Review Worksession was held, and that no decisions were made.

II. COMMITTEE / ORGANIZATION REPORTS

- A. Peerless Rockville – Nancy Pickard, Executive Director, noted recent programs sponsored, including the tour of Rockville Cemetery and display of the Sesquicentennial Emancipation Quilt, and a future program regarding William Gibbs. She also noted that the King Farm Task Force would have its first meeting on September 27.
- B. Lincoln Park Historical Foundation – Anita Neal Powell noted that the African American Preservation Conference would be on September 24 from 10 am to 1 pm at the Takoma Park campus of Montgomery College.
- C. Public Comments/Open Forum – Rosa Yagdish of 4 Monroe Street spoke in favor of the historic designation of the Americana Center.
- D. HDC and Staff Comments – Commissioner Reynolds announced that she will resign from the Commission due to increasing work conflicts. This meeting will be her last.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 21, 2016

Commissioner Correll moved, seconded by Commissioner Tincher, to approve the minutes. The motion passed 3-0-1, with Commissioner Neal Powell abstaining.

IV. CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL

- A. HDC2016-00813, Daniel Nyquist** – for rehabilitation of the exterior of the entire house, including installing new shutters, and replacing doors, gutters and downspouts, aluminum siding and adding aluminum trim to rear dormer windows, and rehabilitation of the rear screened porch.

Sheila Bashiri presented the staff report, which recommended approval. Chair Achtmeyer asked whether the Commission could approve various line items within the application. Eliot Schaefer responded that there was nothing to prevent such action.

Daniel Nyquist, applicant, spoke in support of the application and answered questions from the Commission.

Nancy Pickard of Peerless Rockville spoke in favor of the application, and particularly in support of replacing the back door.

Commissioner Correll moved, seconded by Commissioner Neal Powell, to approve the application, including replacement of the vinyl shutters, gutters and downspouts and aluminum siding; to reconstruct the window wells, as meeting Secretary of the Interior's Standard for Rehabilitation #6; as well as approval of aluminum wrap on the dormer window frames, replacement of the basement and rear doors, rehabilitation of the basement entry and the proposed waterproofing, as meeting Standard #9. The Commission requests more drawings before considering approval of the rear steps and railings as well as the installation of the new garage door and standard door. The motion passed 4-0.

- B. HDC2016-00814, Jill Timmons** – for installation of storm Windows at 109 North Adams Street.

Sheila Bashiri presented the staff report, which recommended approval.

Jill Timmons, applicant, answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Tincher moved, seconded by Commissioner Correll, to approval the application as submitted, finding that it meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation #9, as well as Technical Guide #13.

V. DISCUSSION

A. Old Business

1. Discussion of Draft Historic Preservation Text Amendment – Jim Wasilak noted that staff intended to present the text amendment at the October meeting in advance of the Mayor and Council meeting on October 24 for the Authorization to File the Text Amendment.

2. Peerless Rockville intern Kate Kechovic presented her research on the walking tour signs, noting their condition and accessibility. She presented options for cleaning, repair and replacement and creating a new brochure. Nancy Pickard noted that Peerless Rockville had spoken with Sarah Rogers, Executive Director of the Montgomery Heritage Area, who has expertise on signage. She also suggested that the HDC and Peerless could coordinate on a joint project to replace the signs that should be replaced, and establish branding for them. The Commission agreed that access to the signs was also a critical issue, and that there were opportunities for additional walking tours, such as for Mid-Century Modern resources.

B. New Business

VII. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Achtmeyer adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.